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**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re : Application of Currie, et al.  
For : **TIRE BUILDING DRUM HAVING EXPANDABLE CENTER  
SECTION AND INDEPENDENTLY EXPANDABLE BEAD LOCK  
ASSEMBLIES IN THE END SECTIONS**  
Serial No. : 09/960,211  
Filed : September 21, 2001  
Group Art Unit : 1733  
Examiner : Geoffrey L. Knable  
Our Docket No. : DN2001175USA

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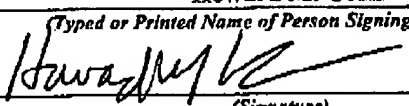
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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

This is an amendment in response to the Office Action dated September 25, 2003 having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on December 25, 2003.

Please amend the referenced Application as follows:

<b>CERTIFICATE OF TRANSMISSION BY FACSIMILE (37 CFR 1.8)</b>			<b>Docket No.</b> <b>DN2001175USA</b>
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Invention: <b>TIRE BUILDING DRUM HAVING EXPANDABLE CENTER SECTION AND INDEPENDENTLY</b>			
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<p>I hereby certify that this <u>Amendment</u> (Identify type of correspondence)</p> <p>is being facsimile transmitted to the United States Patent and Trademark Office (Fax. No. <u>(703) 872-9306</u>)</p> <p>on <u>December 23, 2003</u> (Date)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Howard M. Cohn</u> (Typed or Printed Name of Person Signing Certificate)  (Signature)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Note: Each paper must have its own certificate of mailing.</p>			